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language. This may be desirable where the system's language is English and this language should be maintained. Alternatively, the plurality of available commands illustrated in field 1820 may also be displayed in the selected language, i.e., in Spanish.

FIG. 19 shows a GUI 1900 that is displayed if the user selects command F15 in the GUI 1600 of FIG. 16 or in the GUI 1800 of FIG. 18 to accept the license agreement once for all software packages associated with this license agreement. GUI 1900 comprises fields 1910 showing a list of all software packages associated, for example, with the license agreement displayed in FIGS. 16 and 18. Field 1920 comprises an indication on how to proceed with the bundled acceptance of the license agreement for all displayed software packages. Furthermore, field 1930 comprises a plurality of additional available commands, which are not particularly related to the bundled acceptance of the license agreement.

The foregoing description applies also to a pre-acceptance mechanism that allows a responsible procurement, legal or management person to review and accept agreements at any time the computer system is up and running, from any workstation attached to the server, and in any language in which the agreement is available and is supported on that workstation. The above described embodiments allow clerical operations staff to handle the install or allows unattended automatic and batch installs and prevents the installation and use of a non-approved and non-accepted software package.

While the foregoing is directed to embodiments of the present invention, other and further embodiments of the invention may be devised without departing from the basic scope thereof, and the scope thereof is determined by the claims that follow.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for handling license agreements for multiple software packages in a computer system, each software package being identified by a unique package ID and comprising one or more components, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of document files, each document file comprising one or more text elements;
providing a plurality of manifest files, each manifest file indicating at least one corresponding document file of the plurality of document files and comprising a unique package ID designating a corresponding software package;
extracting a specific unique package ID from a specific software package;
determining a corresponding manifest file from the plurality of manifest files on the basis of the extracted unique package ID;
determining the at least one corresponding document file of the plurality of document files on the basis of the determined corresponding manifest file; and
building a license agreement for the specific software package by combining the one or more text elements of the at least one determined corresponding document file.

2. The method of claim 1, comprising:

extracting the unique package ID upon installation of the specific software package.

3. The method of claim 1, comprising:

extracting the unique package ID prior to installation of the specific software package.

4. The method of claim 1, comprising:

displaying the license agreement for the specific software package on a display device of the computer system.

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5. The method of claim 4, further comprising:

displaying the license agreement within a graphical user interface comprising a prompt for a user to accept or decline the license agreement.

6. The method of claim 1, comprising:

displaying the license agreement for the specific software package on a display device of the computer system; prompting a user to accept or decline the license agreement; and

storing the user's answer in a data structure in a storage device of the computer system to indicate, whether the license agreement for the specific software package has been accepted or declined.

7. A method for handling a license agreement for a selected software package of a plurality of software packages upon installation of the selected software package in a computer system, each software package of the plurality of software packages being identified by a unique package ID and comprising one or more components, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of document files, each document file comprising one or more text elements;

providing a plurality of manifest files, each manifest file indicating at least one corresponding document file of the plurality of document files and comprising a unique package ID designating one software package of the plurality of software packages;

providing a data structure comprising a plurality of package IDs and a plurality of status indications, each status indication being associated with a specific package ID and representing the status of the license agreement for the software package identified by the specific package ID, the status indicating whether the license agreement has been accepted or declined;

extracting the unique package ID from the selected software package;

determining from the data structure the status of the license agreement for the selected software package identified by the unique package ID; and

if the status indicates that the license agreement has been declined:

determining a corresponding manifest file from the plurality of manifest files on the basis of the extracted unique package ID;

determining the at least one corresponding document file of the plurality of document files on the basis of the determined manifest file;

building the license agreement for the selected software package by combining the one or more text elements of the at least one determined document file

displaying the license agreement on a display device of the computer system;

prompting a user to accept or decline the license agreement; and

in response to the user accepting or declining the license agreement,

installing the selected software package only, if the license agreement has been accepted; and

if the status indicates that the license agreement has been accepted:

installing the selected software package.

8. The method of claim 7, comprising:

retrieving the at least one determined corresponding document file of the plurality of document files from a storage device of a remote computer system.